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This textbook contains five units of literature by the Plains Native Americans. The first unit presents examples of oral tradition, in which mythology, legends, stories, songs, and personal accounts pass on values, beliefs, and experiences. The second unit contains nonfiction: an account of a young girl's first days at an Indian boarding school, and a speech about civil rights. The third unit includes an excerpt from the novel "House Made of Dawn," by N. Scott Momaday, and a short story "The Warriors," by Anna Lee Walters. The fourth unit features eight poems on reflections and living in two worlds. The fifth unit contains a play about Native American unity and cultural renewal. Each unit includes introductory discussion, questions for review and critical thinking, writing assignments, and an explanation of how to carry out writing processes. An accompanying separately published "Teacher's Resource Manual" contains prereading background materials, topics for class discussion, suggestions for English-as-second-language and limited-English-speaking students, assessment worksheets, answer keys, and an overview of the student writing process. (SV)

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